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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

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1. SUMMARY: HAAR IS LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN KNOWN FOR BRINGING CHARGES OF MALPRACTICE, GRAFT, ETC. AGAINST US ARMY OFFICIALS. HIS APPROACH TO GAO AND CONGRESSMAN HANNA CONCERNS PURCHASE OF CERTAIN COCA-COLA ITEMS FOR US FORCES IN GERMANY. THE CHARGES ARE ALREADY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY ARMY AUTHORITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. GAO EUROPEAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR HUNTER ABSENT ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL. DEPUTY DIRECTOR DE MARCO RECALLS THAT HAAR CAME TO SEE HUNTER ABOUT MONTH AGO WITH STORY THAT US ARMY PAYING 140-200 PER CENT MORE FOR COCA-COLA FOUNTAIN DISPENSERS AND SYRUP BY BUYING FROM GERMAN COCA-COLA LICENSEE OR FRANCHISE HOLDER THAN IF THESE PROCURED FROM STATE-SIDE SOURCES. HAAR GAVE HUNTER COPY OF HIS LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN HANNA, WHICH DOES NOT SPECIFY HAS CHARGES. DE MARCO WILL INFORM GAO HQS BUT FRANKFURT GAO DOES NOT PLAN PURSUE MATTER.

3. PHILLIP M HAAR IS PRESIDENT OF OWN COMPANY, CARBO-MIX OF EUROPE, WHICH SUPPLIES CARBONATED BEVERAGES DISPENSERS AND SOFT-DRINK SYRUPS, NOT REPEAT NO INCLUDING COCACOLA. HE HAS APPROACHED VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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CLAIMING TO HAVE "DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE" OF WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT

IN THE US MILITARY SERVICES COSTING THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS SOMETIMES RUNNING INTO MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. HE IS ERRATIC, VERY EXCITABLE MAN AND SOMETIMES THREATENS TO INFORM HIS CONGRESSMAN OR CALL PRESS CONFERENCE IF WE DO NOT PUT HIM IN IMMEDIATE TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIVE OR INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OR IF LATTER DOES NOT PURSUE HIS CHARGES TO HIS SATISFACTION, HE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CALL WHEN THE OFFICE IS CLOSED AND TO INSIST THAT THE DUTY OFFICER TAKE PROMPT ACTION OR RISK BEING ACCUSED OF COVERING UP EXECUTIVE MALFEASANCE. IN MOST INSTANCES HE HAS BEEN HEARD OUT, AND--WHEN THE ACCUSATION IS NOT TOO GLOBAL OR MIND-BOGGLING-- APPROPRIATE INQUIRES HAVE BEEN INITIATED.

4. HAAR HAD PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT HIS CHARGES CONCERNING COCA-COLA TO OUR ATTENTION, AND HE WAS INTERVIEWED PERSONALLY BY THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS OF THE US ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION(CID) EUROPEAN DISTRICT. A LOCAL INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AND A REPORT SUBMITTED (CASE 73-CID-017-39072) TO CID HQS, WASHDC 20315. ON THE BASIS OF THIS REPORT FURTHER INQUIRES ARE BEING CONDUCTED AT THE DALLAS, TEXAS, HQS OF THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SYSTEM (CID COMMAND CASE NO. 73R-385). THE DEPARTMENT OR CONGRESSMAN HANNA COULD DOUBTLESS OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION FROM CID WASHINGTON.

5. ACCORDING TO THE CID, INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY HAAR WAS HELPFUL IN BUILDING THE ARMY'S SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION AGAINST FORMER CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT WOOLDRIDGE AND OTHERS FOR GRAFT AND EMBEZZLEMENT IN THE OPERATION OF SERVICE CLUBS IN VIETNAM AND ELSEWHERE.

6. A FEW WEEKS AGO HAAR ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE AMBASSADOR TO PRESENT HIS "SOLUTION TO THE DOLLAR CRISIS." WE OFFERED TO RELIEVE THE AMBASSADOR OF THAT BURDEN, AND ONE OF OUR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO HEAR HAAR'S PITCH. HARLAN

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